

MARINE CORPS EMERGENCY ACTIONS CENTER
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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

PERIOD 170701 - 180700 OCTOBER 1962

I. ASIA

a. COMUSMACV IS PREPARING TO FURNISH 48 AR-15 RIFLES TO U. S. MARINE CORPS HELICOPTER CREWS. NO U. S. ARMY UNITS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH THE WEAPON. IT HAS BEEN DIRECTED THAT THE EVALUATION OF THE AR-15 USED BY MARINE HELO CREWS BE PERFORMED BY THE JOINT OPERATIONS EVALUATION GROUP (JOEG-V).

COMUSMAC-V HAS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM OSD FOR ISSUANCE OF THE RIFLES, AMMUNITION AND NECESSARY RDT&E SUPPORT.

COMUSMACV 170553Z (S)
 OSD 172127Z (S)

b. CINCPAC ADVISED THAT THE AP WIRE STORY OF 15 OCTOBER WHICH REPORTED OFFENSIVE FIRE BY HU1A HELICOPTERS IN TACTICAL OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WAS NOT TRUE. //

COMUSMACV CONFIRMS THAT NO LOCAL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO CHANGE POLICY THAT U. S. UNITS ARE NOT TO ENGAGE IN OFFENSIVE FIRE. IF FIRED UPON BY THE ENEMY, UNITS CAN FIRE BACK IN SELF DEFENSE. //

THE FIRING THAT THE CORRESPONDENT OBSERVED WAS A

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PRACTICE FIRING IN AN UNINHABITED AREA.

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CINCPAC 170954Z (C)

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. CINCLANTFLT HAS ISSUED HIS PLANNING DIRECTIVE FOR SOLANT AMITY IV. CG FMFLANT IS TO PROVIDE 30-40 MARINES FOR CEREMONIAL AND TRAINING PURPOSES, DRILL TEAM, AND ATHLETIC DEMONSTRATIONS. THIS FORCE TO BE EMPLOYED FOR NON-COMBAT EVACUATION DUTIES IF REQUIRED. 4 MARINES ARE ALSO TO BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST IN BEACH RECONNAISSANCE.

PLANNING BEGINS 14 NOVEMBER AND PROMULGATION OF THE OPERATION ORDER ANTICIPATED IN NOVEMBER.

CINCLANTFLT 101932Z (C)

3. MOVEMENTS

a. LT/GEN C. A. ROBERTS, CG FMFPAC, ARRIVED OKINAWA 170500Z.

CG FMFPAC 170630Z (U)

b. COL H. LAWRENCE ASSUMED COMMAND 3D MAW WHILE MAJ/GEN F. C. THARIN IS ON LEAVE.

CG 3D MAW 171700Z (U)

c. FOURTEEN A4D AIRCRAFT FROM VMA-225 COMPLETED THE LAST LEG OF THEIR TRANSANT FLIGHT WHEN THEY ARRIVED CHERRY POINT AT 171615Z. ONE (1) AIRCRAFT DEVELOPED MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY AND

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REMAINED AT KINDLEY AFB, BERMUDA. IT WILL BE RETURNED TO CHERRY POINT ON 18 OCTOBER.

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TELECON G-3 2D MAW 171930Z (U)
CG 2D MAW 172325Z (U)

d. MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON-1 EMBARKED ABOARD USS CHILTON (APA-38) FROM MCAS CHERRY POINT ON 16 OCTOBER.

MASS-1 161030Z (C)

e. MAG-26 (-) REINFORCED HAS EMBARKED ABOARD USS OKINAWA (LPH-3) FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHIBRIGLEX-62.

MAG-26 (-) REINF 161800Z (C)

f. BLT 2/2 WILL DEPART CAMP GARCIA, VIEQUES TODAY TO BOARD USS MONROVIA (APA-31) AND PARTICIPATE IN PHIBRIGLEX 62.

CTG 45.4 171229Z (C)

4. DEFCONS

a. NO CHANGE.

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